

Mrs. Prendergast Has Plan to Aid Conductorettes

**Believes Women of Wealth,
Released From War Work,
Can Find Real Pleasure
in Providing Rest Rooms**

"The lack of proper rest rooms for the women streetcar conductors in this city is appalling," was the statement made to a Tribune reporter yesterday by Mrs. E. D. Prendergast, a captain of the women's police reserve.

A few days ago it was stated that the conductorettes employed on the Broadway and Amsterdam car line, with a terminal at 125th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, were seen entering the back room of a saloon at 106th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, owned by James P. Droogan.

"This saloon," Mrs. Prendergast said, "is within a block of the terminal, and the men employees were accustomed to drop in for a few minutes while they were waiting for the transfer of passengers before resuming their run. Mr. Droogan felt that the girl conductors should likewise have a warm room in which to rest, where they could powder their noses and freshen up before continuing their trip.

Feel Under Obligations
"So he very kindly offered them one of his rooms, and they gladly accepted the hospitality. It was only natural, however, that they should feel under some obligation to Mr. Droogan, and the only way they could show him their gratitude was in buying of his commodities. This meant that as the days grew colder the girls might buy warming liquors, and it was to obviate such a possibility that I asked Dr. A. Edwin Keigwin, pastor of the West End Presbyterian Church, at 106th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, if the girls could not use his parish house.

"This parish house is within a stone's throw of the 106th Street junction, where the cars make a fairly long stop, and the girls will be able to drop into the house for a few minutes' relaxation, a cup of hot tea, a chat, or where their wait is long enough—the privilege of reading magazines which Dr. Keigwin will provide. The parish house is, of course, equipped with dressing room accommodations, and is warm and cozy. The girls will be made just as welcome as are the soldiers and sailors.

Other Rest Rooms Needed
"Dr. Keigwin's kindness makes possible one rest room, but many are needed. The girls' runs are often long, and so far practically nothing has been done to provide them with rest and dressing rooms along the route. Now, when so many organizations are planning their reconstruction programmes, and so many women, released from their intensive war activities, are wondering how they can avoid going back to the monotony of teas and bridge, will they not turn their attention to this very real need of women conductors and other women employees who are not privileged to spend their working hours in a fully equipped office building? Cannot something be done to provide adequate accommodations for these girls who are rendering the people of this city a genuine public service?"

Sisters Serve in Red Cross On Field Where Brother Died

Word was received yesterday at the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call headquarters, 665 Fifth Avenue, that two sisters, Elizabeth and Laura McKee, of this city, are now serving the Red Cross in Italy on gray camels, having been killed in action on the Piave last June while operating a canteen with the Italian army.

The McKees have always been at home in Italy, for their childhood was spent in and around the Adriatic and the Gulf of Venice. Lieutenant McKee went to Italy in December, 1917.

Mutual Benefit Dance

Members of the Mutual Benefit Association of Employees of Franklin Simon & Co. attended a dance last night at the Central Opera House, East Sixty-ninth Street, dancing styles of spring and summer fashions were shown.

France Would Adopt Y. W. C. A.

**M. Firmin Rez Suggests That
Americans Help Plan**

The following letter, written by M. Firmin Rez, of the Commissary General's office, Paris, to Miss Mary A. Dingman, director of the Y. W. C. A. industrial work in France, following a tour of inspection of two of the sixteen Y. W. C. A. Foyers des Alliees, was made public yesterday by the War Work Council of the Y. W. C. A.

"After visiting two of your 'Foyer des Alliees,' allow me to tell you how much I admire your excellent organization and the happy results which it produces. I have never seen brighter faces than those of the young French women to whom you extend such beneficial, cordial and gracious hospitality. It is visible that their affection for you is equal to the affection you bestow upon them, and that they feel at home in the friendly atmosphere with which you surround them.

"I would, indeed, be unfortunate if such an organization were to stop with the war. I am quite sure you can find French ladies who are perfectly competent to continue your work if you will stay long enough with us to train them and inculcate in them the spirit of the Y. W. C. A."

Poked Red Cross Poster

**Servant Arrested on Charge of
Disorderly Conduct**

Marie Beckens, a misanthropic domestic whom Patrolman Bowden declared he found standing in the rain at 2 a. m., using her umbrella only to punch holes in a Red Cross poster at 100th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, was held yesterday in the West Side Police Court for further examination on a charge of disorderly conduct.

"I told her she should not be doing that," said Patrolman Bowden, "and she says to me: 'This is a hell of a country!' An' I says to her: 'Then if that's the case I'll be putting you under arrest!' and then, your honor, she slapped me in the face with a newspaper, and moreover on the way to the station house she resisted arrest."

"An' first she says she was born in Dublin and later it was Germany she says she was born in, where all good men come from an' that is where you should have come from," she says to me."

Symphony Society in More Eloquent Mood

The Symphony Society gave a more eloquent performance of Brahms' Symphony No. 3 last evening than on Thursday afternoon. There was more warmth and less apathy. Saint-Saens' Symphonie Poeme, "Paganini," and de Grieg's Three Old Belgian Folk-songs were repeated, while Raoul Vidas again played Bruch's Concerto in G minor.

The young violinist was in the vein. The beauty of his cantabile, "Adagio," the rhythmic energy displayed in the Finale, the fine musical taste constantly in evidence gave abundant satisfaction.

Wife of "Y" Overseas Aid Is Ordained to Fill His Pulpit

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 13.—In the last two years many a woman to make it possible for her husband to serve in the army has taken his place in business or a profession, and in many cases her entry as a woman into his position was an innovation.

Another of these cases occurred today when Mrs. Frank L. Briggs, whose husband is overseas in Y. M. C. A. work, was ordained and installed with full powers by a Congregational council, to assume the pastorate in his place of the Evangelical Church here. She has been preaching since Mr. Briggs went overseas in September and is a graduate of Wellesley College and of the Hartford Theological Seminary.

She had been commissioned to preach in Rhode Island, and previous to her marriage had intended to become a missionary.

Stage Women to Do Holiday Shopping for Wounded Men

Under the direction of Miss Althea Luce the Stage Women's War Relief has established a department to aid returning wounded soldiers and marines.

Miss Luce and her assistants will attend to the Christmas shopping of men who are unable to leave the hospital and will superintend the shipping of packages to their homes.

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A Sale of Bethalph All-silk Hosiery

(the hosiery of quality; exclusive to B. Altman & Co.)

will present an unusual purchasing opportunity for to-morrow (Monday), the prices quoted being very special.

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Decorative Linens

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Madeira Hand-embroidered Linens
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Tea Napkins, per doz. 6.00, 6.75 & 7.75

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Scarfs . . . each 2.50, 3.00 & 3.50

Lace-trimmed Linens (French filet)
Centerpieces . . . each \$6.75 & 9.75
Plate doilies . . . each 2.00
Tumbler doilies . . . each 1.00

(Fourth Floor, Madison Avenue section)

A Brilliant Array of Evening Gowns

has been prepared in readiness for the holiday festivities—no longer darkened by the grim shadow of war—and is now displayed in the Special Costumes Salon.

Gowns for every type of feminine loveliness are shown in the collection, variously—and most effectively—modeled in jetted fabrics, silver and gold cloths, nets, brocades, and other handsome textiles. The prices are most attractive.

A Selected Number of Evening Dresses

composed of satins and brocaded silks, will be offered to-morrow at the very special price of

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(Special Costumes Dep't, Third Floor)

Handsome Novelty Bags from Paris

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Bags that are le dernier cri in Paris are cleverly fashioned of hand-embroidered quilted silk and mounted on frames that might easily be mistaken for real tortoiseshell. These bags are priced at \$38.00.

Beaded bags that are Parisian in fact as well as in style are variously priced at \$18.50, 25.00, 35.00, 75.00 and upward.

American-made bags of really unusual beauty are shown in a very large assortment, which includes bags with sterling silver mountings at \$34.00 to \$57.00; and with 14-karat gold mountings at \$68.00 to \$295.00.

(First Floor, Madison Avenue section)

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(Blouse Department, Second Floor)

"Just before Christmas"

There are only eight more shopping days to come before Christmas.

It is true that the people of New York have responded whole-heartedly to the Government request that Christmas shopping be accomplished early; but there are, nevertheless, many who have procrastinated. The ensuing eight days will, therefore, be over-busy days—for salespersons and delivery men, as well as for the Store's patrons; and the fact that the one-delivery-a-day rule is still in force

adds appreciably to the normal difficulties of the pre-holiday season. In view of which, B. Altman & Co. request that patrons make the fullest possible use of the current week, to complete their holiday shopping and to carry as many of the smaller packages as convenient.

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